

***2007 GLEAMS Workshop:
Using Decision Support Tools to Communicate Risk:
Fish Consumption Advisories in the Great Lakes***

The second 2007 \workshop sponsored by the GLEAMS Center was “Using Decision Support Tools to Communicate Risk: Fish Consumption Advisories in the Great Lakes”, held from October 2-3, 2007, at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, Michigan (immediately before the 2007 State of Lake Michigan Conference, held in the same location). Attendees from all eight Great Lakes state agencies that write fish advisories and the EPA’s Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) attended, under the auspices of the Great Lakes Sports Fish Consortium. GLEAMS funding made the attendance of state agency stakeholders possible, and attendees expressed their thanks for the rare opportunity to meet in person. Dr. Ide and Colin Brooks presented overviews of the GLEAMS project, including the gene expression work and web-based decision support tools. Each of the Great Lakes states representatives presented the status of their Fish Advisory Campaign Proposals. Also reviewed were white papers for new chemical protocols for dioxins, PBDE, and fish tissue data. The idea of creating a Great Lakes-wide Fish Advisory and Sports Fish Information web site was also discussed and received positive comments from the attendees.

Attendees included: Jackie Fisher (US EPA), Tom Hornshaw (Illinois EPA), Mylynda Shaskus (Ohio EPA), Dr. Henry Anderson (WI Department of Public Health), Kory Groetsch (MI Department of Community Health), Joe Bohr (MI Department of Environmental Quality), Pat McCann (MN Department of Information Technology), Dyan Steenport (WI Department of Public Health), John Arway (PA Fish and Boat Commission), Josh Lookenbill (PA Department of Environmental Protection), Elizabete Salay (University of Michigan School for Public Health), Dr. Charles Ide (WMU Environmental Institute), and Dr. Judy Beck (US EPA GLNPO). Figure 1 shows the workshop attendees on the second day discussing proposals.



Figure 1: Representatives of all eight Great Lakes state agencies that write fish consumption advisories discussing proposals with other attendees at the GLEAMS-sponsored “Using Decision Support Tools to Communicate Risk: Fish Consumption Advisories in the Great Lakes” workshop. The workshop was held October 2-3, 2007 in Traverse City immediately before the biennial State of Lake Michigan Conference.